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DAVID M. ABSHIRE: Appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations 12 March 1970, succeeding William B. Macomber.

Abshire was born in Tennessee in 1926. He is a former Executive Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University. Before that he was on the staff of the House Republican Policy Committee and a consultant on foreign policy to the past three Republican national conventions.

He is a 1951 graduate of the Military Academy and holds a PhD in Government from Georgetown.

HARRISON M. SYMMES: Appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations in the summer of 1970, succeeding Ambassador Horace Torbert.

Symmes was born in North Carolina in 1921, has degrees from UNC and George Washington, and served in the Army during WWII.

His Foreign Service assignments include Alexandria, Damascus, Kuwait, Bengazi, Tripoli, and Jordan (where he was Ambassador from 1967 to 1970).